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AGREEMENT

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PROBLEMS ON SENSITIVE PRODUCTS,
PRINCIPALLY ALUMINUM, AND ON FISH AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,
HAVE SLOWED PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FREE TRADE ACCORD BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
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(EC) AND NORWAY. THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT ALL PROBLEMS WILL BE RESOLVED IN TIME TO PERMIT THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT ON APRIL 2 AS EXPECTED EARLIER. BOTH SIDES NOW HOPE FOR AN AGREEMENT BY EASTER TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. NEGOTIATIONS IN BRUSSELS BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN TEAM AND THE EC COMMISSION, INCLUDING TWO PLENARY SESSIONS LAST WEEK, HAVE MADE ONLY SMALL PROGRES TOWARD OVERCOMING DIVERGENT VIEWPOINTS, ESPECIALLY ON SENSITIVE PRODUCTS. THE NORWEGIANS ARE URGING THE REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF ITEMS ON THE COMMUNITY' S LIST, AND THE RAISING OF THE QUOTA CEILILL BE DEEP AND LASTING".

2. OTTAWA CITIZEN EDITORIAL MAR 24, HEADLINED " US EXPECTS TOO MUCH", SAID " FLAWED" CIEP REPORT " IMPLIES US WILL HAVE TO RUN CONTINUALLY FAVORABLE BALANCE TRADE IN MANUFACTURED GOODS AND SERVICES" TO PAY FOR CANADIAN RESOURCES.

3. MAR 24 GLOBE AND MAIL EDITORIAL CITES CIEP REPORT AND STATEMENTS BY FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY CONNALLY, SENATOR HARTKE AND HERMAN KAHN AS EVIDENCE " NOSIY US SPOKESMEN ARE REVING UP TO PUT US DOWN" --- AND TO CONVINCE CNADIANS THEY SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH " HEWING WOOD AND DRAWING WATER" FOR US. SIMILAR TO STAR, IT STRESSED CANADA' S CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICITS WITH US AND LOW LABOR CONTENT IN RESOURCE EXPORTS.

4. IN HOUSE COMMONS MAR 22, OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD SAID PRESIDENT IN CIEP REPORT " SEEMS TO HAVE ATTACKED CANADA IN RESPECT BOTH DREE PROGRAM AND BY INFERENCE... (IS) SEEKING TARIFF MEASURES WITH VIEW TO TAKING ACTION AGAINST CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES" AND ASKED IF PM THEREFORE WOULD MAKE DIRECT REPRESENTATIONS TO PRESIDENT NIXON. PM INDICATED HE MUST READ PRESIDENT' S STATEMENT BEFORE COMMENTING. IN QUESTION PERIOD MAR 23, PROGRESSIVE- CONSERVATIVES FOLLOWED UP WITH QUESTIONS TO PM INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER GILLESPIE AND DREE MINISTER JAMIESON ABOUT GOC RESPONSE TO WHAT LAWRENCE (P- C- ONTARIO) CALLED " DANGEROUS AND CERTAINLY DISTURBING IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT TO CONGRESS". IN REPLY, GILLESPIE SAID, APART FROM " WELL- ADVANCED" PREPARATIONS FOR GATT NEGOTIATIONS, BILATERAL " DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON", INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIONS ON VARIOUS OUTSTANDING MATTERS. GILLESPIE ADDED HE HAD COMMUNICATED WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND HOPE " IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE" TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH SECRETARY OF TREASURY. WHEN P- CS FOCUSSED ON ALLEGED USG ATTACK ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, DREE MINISTER JAMIESON SAID MICHELIN ONLY CASE WHICH SO FAR

HAD ARISEN AND PM SAID GOC BELIEVED ITS ARGUMENTS " ARE
GETTING THROUGH TO THE AMERICANS".
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